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### Summer Employment Trends Cause Some Job Growth in Missouri's Metro, Micropolitan Areas in June

JEFFERSON CITY \_\_ Employment in the Kansas City and St. Louis metropolitan areas rose in June following typical seasonal growth in construction and leisure and hospitality industries, while employment in Missouri's five other metro areas remained unchanged or experienced small seasonal decreases due to usual school-related employment decreases at the end of spring semesters.

Kansas City MSA employment was up by 5,600 jobs in June. Leisure and hospitality industries added 1,600, while natural resources and construction employment was up by 1,500. Smaller gains occurred in most other industries, the major exception being educational and health services (-500). Government employment was little changed over the month. Most public school employees may have still been on payrolls in June and summer recreation programs probably made up the difference for those schools where employees were already off for the summer. Employment in the Missouri part of the MSA was up 3,300 jobs, with industry developments similar to those of the larger area.

In St. Louis, payroll employment was up by 7,500 jobs over the month. Government employment was down in the St. Louis area (1,800 in local government and 500 in state government), while private educational services employment was down by 1,100. Leisure and hospitality employment was up by 2,800, helping confirm the strong summer travel and tourism is having despite high fuel costs. Professional and business services added 2,800 jobs, while manufacturing employment was up by 1,100, spread through a number of industries.

Employment was also up by 100 jobs in St. Joseph, but school closings dominated employment change in some MSAs. In Columbia, a decrease of 1,500 in state government led to an overall dip of 900 jobs. Joplin employment was down by 200 (with decreases of 500 in state and local government.) In Springfield, a decrease of 300 in private educational and health services and 1,500 in state and local government contributed to an overall decrease of 1,100. State government decreases of 500 in Jefferson City contributed to a dip of 200 in total non-farm employment.

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Over the past year, employment has grown in most metropolitan areas. The most rapid growth was in Springfield, where employment increased by 2.1 percent (3,800 jobs.) Columbia employment was up by 1.7 percent (1,500 jobs), followed by Joplin's 1.4 percent increase (1,100 jobs). In Kansas City, employment grew by 1.2 percent (11,500 jobs), while St. Louis employment grew at a 1.1 percent rate (14,700 jobs). Jefferson City employment was up by 0.9 percent (700 jobs) over the year. In St. Joseph, employment was down by 700 jobs over the year; the exception to this decrease was the trade, transportation and utilities industries, which added 300 jobs.

The metro areas and most other counties in the state saw seasonal increases in unemployment in June, associated with summer job search activities of students and other new entrants to the labor force. The major exception was in the Branson area, where seasonal tourism contributed to a decrease of eight-tenths of a point to 5.8 percent.

June metropolitan area unemployment rates ranged from 4.1 percent in Columbia to 6.0 percent in St. Joseph. Among micropolitan areas, Maryville's 4.3 percent was the lowest, with Kennett's 8.1 percent the highest.

Among counties not in metropolitan or micropolitan areas, the lowest jobless rate was in Worth County (4.2 percent), while Pemiscot County's 9.4 percent rate was the highest.

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**MISSOURI UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**  
**FOR METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND SINGLE-COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)**  
**CURRENT MONTH (JUNE 2005), PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS (APRIL AND MAY 2005), AND YEAR AGO (JUNE 2004)**

	<b>JUN 2005</b>	<b>MAY 2005</b>	<b>APR 2005</b>	<b>JUN 2004</b>		<b>JUN 2005</b>	<b>MAY 2005</b>	<b>APR 2005</b>	<b>JUN 2004</b>
U.S. (not seasonally adjusted)	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.8	MEXICO (Audrain Co.)	6.3	5.8	5.7	6.7
MISSOURI	5.7	5.4	5.4	6.2	MOBERLY (Randolph Co.)	6.1	5.1	5.2	6.4
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>					POPLAR BLUFF (Butler Co.)	5.9	5.4	5.3	6.0
COLUMBIA MSA	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.4	ROLLA (Phelps Co.)	4.8	4.3	4.1	5.1
Boone	4.1	3.7	3.5	4.4	SEDALIA (Pettis Co.)	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.7
Howard	5.2	5.1	4.5	5.3	SIKESTON (Scott Co.)	6.4	5.8	5.7	6.6
JEFFERSON CITY MSA	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.9	WARRENSBURG (Johnson Co.)	5.2	4.8	4.6	5.7
Callaway	5.2	4.8	4.5	5.1	WEST PLAINS (Howell Co.)	5.4	5.1	4.9	6.0
Cole	4.6	4.2	4.0	4.8	QUINCY (MO PT - Lewis Co.)	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.8
Moniteau	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.2	KEOKUK (MO PT - Clark Co.)	5.6	5.9	5.2	7.4
Osage	5.2	5.1	4.5	5.1	<u>SINGLE COUNTY LMAs</u>				
JOPLIN MSA	5.5	4.9	4.9	6.0	Atchison	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.9
Jasper	5.3	5.0	4.8	5.9	Barry	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.6
Newton	6.0	4.8	5.0	6.3	Barton	5.5	4.4	4.5	5.5
KANSAS CITY MSA	5.9	5.6	5.5	6.4	Benton	5.6	5.7	5.7	6.2
KANSAS CITY MSA (MO PT)	5.7	5.6	5.7	6.6	Camden	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.1
Bates	6.1	5.6	6.1	6.9	Carroll	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.1
Caldwell	6.1	5.6	5.8	6.4	Carter	6.2	5.3	5.7	7.3
Cass	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.9	Cedar	6.5	5.7	5.4	6.8
Clay	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.2	Chariton	5.6	4.7	4.6	6.0
Clinton	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.9	Cooper	5.1	5.3	4.3	5.3
Jackson	6.4	6.2	6.4	7.3	Crawford	6.1	5.8	6.1	6.6
Lafayette	5.7	5.2	5.4	6.4	Dade	5.7	5.0	5.1	6.0
Platte	4.4	4.3	4.4	5.1	Daviess	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.2
Ray	5.7	4.9	5.1	6.9	Dent	7.0	6.3	6.1	7.0
ST. JOSEPH MSA	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	Douglas	8.4	5.6	5.5	6.2
ST. JOSEPH MSA (MO PT)	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.3	Gasconade	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.7
Andrew	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.3	Gentry	4.9	4.6	4.1	5.3
Buchanan	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	Grundy	5.9	5.3	5.3	6.3
DeKalb	6.1	5.5	5.1	6.3	Harrison	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.5
ST. LOUIS MSA	5.8	5.5	5.5	6.4	Henry	6.4	6.1	6.0	7.0
ST. LOUIS MSA (MO PT)	5.8	5.6	5.6	6.3	Hickory	8.1	7.5	7.2	8.7
Franklin	5.7	5.5	5.6	6.2	Holt	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.3
Jefferson	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.9	Iron	7.8	7.4	7.3	9.0
Lincoln	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.7	Knox	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.7
St. Charles	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.7	Lawrence	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.5
St. Louis Co.	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.9	Linn	7.6	6.4	6.5	6.9
Warren	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	Livingston	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6
Washington	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.3	Macon	5.3	4.9	5.2	5.6
St. Louis City	8.7	8.6	8.7	9.6	Madison	6.7	6.7	6.2	7.2
SPRINGFIELD MSA	4.8	4.4	4.3	5.2	Maries	5.4	4.6	4.5	5.9
Christian	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.5	Mercer	4.8	4.2	4.4	5.6
Dallas	5.2	5.2	5.4	6.3	Miller	5.4	5.2	5.6	6.0
Greene	4.7	4.4	4.3	5.1	Mississippi	7.6	6.6	6.8	7.9
Polk	5.9	5.2	4.4	6.7	Monroe	6.2	5.1	5.4	6.4
Webster	5.2	4.6	4.5	5.6	Montgomery	6.1	5.9	6.0	7.0
FAYETTEVILLE MSA (MO PT - McDonald Co)	5.0	4.2	3.8	5.9	Morgan	6.3	5.8	6.0	6.3
<u>MICROPOLITAN AREAS</u>					New Madrid	8.2	7.2	7.1	9.4
BRANSON	5.8	6.6	7.9	6.3	Oregon	6.3	5.7	5.4	6.9
Stone	5.7	6.2	7.3	6.1	Ozark	6.0	5.3	5.2	5.9
Taney	5.8	6.8	8.3	6.4	Pemiscot	9.4	8.2	8.2	10.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.8	Perry	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU (MO PT)	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.4	Pike	5.7	5.7	5.6	6.0
Bollinger	6.3	6.1	5.6	6.0	Putnam	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.1
Cape Girardeau	4.9	4.7	4.4	5.3	Reynolds	7.5	7.0	7.5	8.5
FARMINGTON (St. Francois Co.)	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.2	Ripley	7.1	5.9	5.9	6.9
FT. LEONARD WOOD (Pulaski Co.)	5.7	5.3	5.3	6.2	St. Clair	6.1	5.6	5.6	7.0
HANNIBAL	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.0	Ste. Genevieve	6.1	5.6	5.4	6.2
Marion	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.1	Scotland	4.6	3.5	3.3	4.6
Ralls	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.7	Shannon	7.1	6.6	7.3	8.5
KENNETT (Dunklin Co.)	8.1	7.4	7.2	8.0	Shelby	5.4	4.8	5.1	5.7
KIRKSVILLE	5.2	4.5	4.6	5.9	Stoddard	6.2	5.5	5.7	6.3
Adair	5.2	4.4	4.2	5.7	Sullivan	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.8
Schuyler	5.4	5.4	7.1	6.7	Texas	6.6	6.3	6.4	7.2
LEBANON (Laclede Co.)	5.8	5.6	5.8	7.9	Vernon	5.7	4.8	4.6	6.2
MARSHALL (Saline Co.)	5.8	5.3	4.8	5.9	Wayne	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.9
MARYVILLE (Nodaway Co.)	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.5	Worth	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.8
					Wright	7.4	6.7	6.4	7.2

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